

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 22, 2007
Fish and Game Headquarters
Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cameron Wheeler at 8:00 a.m. with Commissioners Barowsky, Budge, McDermott and Wright participating.

Present in the Director's office were Deputy Director Terry Mansfield, Sharon Kiefer, Legislative Liaison; Jim Lau, Chief, Bureau of Administration; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Mike Keckler, Chief, Bureau of Communications; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant, and Rick Hobson representing the Western Watersheds.

LEGISLATION

Sharon Kiefer briefed Commissioners on the following bills.

Updates on Previously Reviewed Bills

Department sponsored SB1010 and SB1011 have both passed the Senate and House and are waiting the Governors signature.

SB 1005, SB1072, SB1073 were part of the Senate Agricultural hearing on domestic cervidae bills. All three of these bills died in committee for lack of passage out of the committee on February 15th.

SB 1074 the Industry Bill on domestic cervidae is now on the Senate Floor for its 3rd reading today.

SB1022 deals with mandatory license revocation for homicide died in the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

SB 1055 which mandates a penalty for shooting simulated wildlife is on the Senate Floor for the 3rd reading.

SB 1086 Wolf tag has passed the Senate unanimously. The House Resource and Conservation Committee will hold a hearing on February 27th.

SB 1128 deals with restricting internet hunting will be heard in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee on February 23rd.

SCR 107 study regarding leasing of public lands for domestic cervid operations has a hearing in Senate Resources and Environment Committee on February 23rd.

SJM 103 Sikes Hearing on February 23rd.

SB 1127 Adds to existing law to provide for restrictions on the importation and disposal of cervid carcasses from chronic wasting disease endemic areas; to provide exceptions; to provide for violations and penalties; and to provide that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game shall publish lists of chronic wasting disease endemic areas.

SB 1137 Restricts cervid carcass imports.
The Commission will monitor SB 1127 and SB1137.

SB 1128 deals with a ban on internet hunting. The intent of this bill is to ban the ability to shoot at wildlife or birds in Idaho with internet controlled devices.
The Commission will monitor and provide technical recommendations.

SB 1136 establishes minimum stream flow for portions of the Big Wood River Drainage and is a complicated water bill.
The Commission will monitor.

SB 1085 amends existing law relating to meetings of public agencies to revise provisions relating to minutes of executive sessions; to require presiding officers to specifically reference authorization for holding executive sessions; and to revise the purposes for which executive sessions may be held.
Information to Commission, Deputy Attorney General, Dallas Burkhalter has reviewed.

HCR 16 this concurrent resolution rejects the outfitter allocation rule. All other rules in the docket are preserved. A new rule proposal is on the March agenda.
The Commission supports.

HB 200 amends existing law relating to the Idaho Safe Boating Act of increase fees for certificates of registration of vessels.
Informational to Commission.

HB 148 amends existing law relating to records exempt from disclosure to provide that certain results of laboratory tests conducted by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture are exempt from disclosure.
Informational to Commission.

HB 215 deals with wildlife lands tax exemption.
Information to Commission.

HB 154 deals with agency advice on energy facility siting. Ms. Kiefer sees as an alternative to SB 1041 previously discussed.
Information to Commission

SB 1121 deals with a price increase for legal notices for public meeting notices in the newspaper.
Information to Commission

Chairman Wheeler expressed concerns on SB 1074 and will work with Sharon Kiefer on statutory language and strategy that could be added to SB 1074 on how to deal with wildlife in enclosed areas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Cameron Wheeler
Chairman

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Secretary